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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2100-185]

California Department of Water Resources; Notice of Application Accepted for Filing, Soliciting Comments, Motions to Intervene, and Protests

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

- a. Type of Application: Request for license amendment
- b. Project No.: 2100-185
- c. Dates Filed: January 29 and February 13, 2018
- d. Applicant: California Department of Water Resources
- e. Name of Project: Feather River Project
- f. Location: The project is located on the Feather River in Butte County, California, and occupies lands of the United States administered by the U.S. Forest Service and the US Bureau of Land Management.
- g. Filed Pursuant to: Federal Power Act, 16 USC 791a-825r.
- h. Applicant Contact: Mr. Ted Craddock, California Department of Water Resources, 1416 Ninth Street, PO Box 942836, Sacramento, CA 94236-0001, (916) 502-2067
- i. FERC Contact: Mr. John Aedo, (415) 369-3335, john.aedo@ferc.gov

j. Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, and protests is 30 days from the issuance date of this notice by the Commission (March 15, 2018).

All documents may be filed electronically via the Internet. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's web site at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. If unable to be filed electronically, documents may be paper-filed. To paper-file, an original and seven copies should be mailed to: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp>. You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments.

Please include the project number (P-2100-185) on any comments, motions, or recommendations filed.

k. Description of Request: California Department of Water Resources (licensee) requests Commission approval for an amendment to its current project license to enhance the existing emergency spillway at Oroville Dam to prevent erosion, and to incorporate these enhancements into its project license. The licensee also requests Commission approval to relocate a portion of a project transmission line connecting the Hyatt Powerplant Switchyard and the Thermalito Diversion Dam Powerhouse. In addition, the licensee proposes to reconstruct the Oroville main spillway to similar dimensions as the original design. Finally, the licensee proposes various protective or mitigative measures to minimize impacts to environmental resources during these activities. The above activities are being proposed as a result of the February 2017 failure of the main spillway and extensive erosion caused by the use of the emergency spillway. The Commission will be analyzing the environmental effects of the above activities, also known as the response and recovery phases of the spillway failure. Consequently, any comments, motions to intervene, or protests should concern only the environmental aspects of the response and recovery efforts. Any comments relating to project relicensing are not within the scope of this public notice and subsequent analysis.

l. Locations of the Application: A copy of the application is available for inspection and reproduction at the Commission's Public Reference Room, located at 888 First Street, NE, Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, or by calling (202) 502-8371. This filing may also be viewed on the Commission's website at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. You may also register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, call 1-866-208-3676 or e-mail FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, for TTY, call (202) 502-8659. A copy is

also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item (h) above.

m. Individuals desiring to be included on the Commission's mailing list should so indicate by writing to the Secretary of the Commission.

n. Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene: Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, .214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

o. Filing and Service of Responsive Documents: All filings must (1) bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "PROTEST", or "MOTION TO INTERVENE" as applicable; (2) set forth in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number of the application to which the filing responds; (3) furnish the name, address, and telephone number of the person protesting or intervening; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. All comments, motions to intervene, or protests must set forth their evidentiary basis and otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 4.34(b). All comments, motions to intervene, or protests should relate to project works which are the subject of the license amendment. Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant. A copy of any protest or motion to intervene must be served upon each representative of the applicant specified in the particular application. If an intervener files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency. A copy of all other filings in reference to this application must be accompanied by proof of service on all persons listed in the service list prepared by the Commission in this proceeding, in accordance with 18 CFR 4.34(b) and 18 CFR 385.2010.

Dated: February 13, 2018.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.